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11. (SBU) EconOff delivered the requested demarche concerning ITU Kosovo-related actions. The demarche was delivered to Giorgio Visetti, Diplomatic Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Economic Development, who handles telecommunications issues. He was very interested in the issue and asked a number of questions to clarify the U.S. position. He contacted EconOff later in the day and though he did not explicitly say Italy would oppose the Serbian proposal, he said he had communicated USG concerns to the Italian lead on the issue in Geneva and said that Italy "understands" and does not want to transform the ITU into a "political arena."
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